

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 638

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dallas Smith on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding teachers and school administrators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual is Dallas Smith, who, having served with distinction throughout his forty-four year tenure as an educator and school administrator, will soon begin a much deserved retirement from the Rhea County school system, which he has admirably served as superintendent of schools for the past four years; and

WHEREAS, in his role as superintendent of the Rhea County school system, Mr. Smith has helped countless students develop their talents and academic abilities by initiating numerous programs designed to enhance their educational opportunities, including the Freshman Academy, which creates accountability between students, teachers, and parents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith began his distinguished career as a teacher at the former Evensville High School at the age of twenty-one; and

WHEREAS, after serving as an exceptional teacher for several years, he transitioned into administration and ascended the ranks to the position of superintendent of the Rhea County school system; and

WHEREAS, believing deeply in his mission of educating, empowering, and encouraging all students to achieve their maximum potential, Mr. Smith has guided the Rhea County school system with tremendous acumen and alacrity and will leave the school system in excellent shape for the future; and

WHEREAS, during retirement, he will focus his attention on maintaining his sixty-five acre cattle farm and preparing for the birth of his first grandchild; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dallas Smith has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his students, parents, teachers, and school board alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dallas Smith our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, applaud his dedication to the students of Tennessee, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.